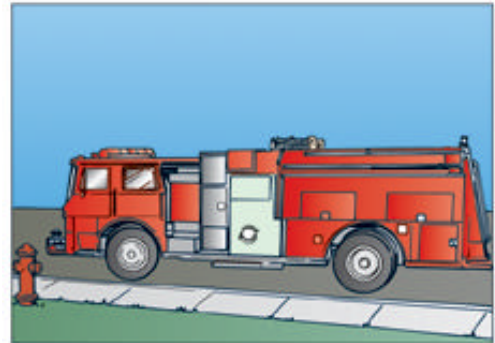


Hydrant Operations



CARDINAL RULES OF HYDRANT SAFETY

1. Always position the engine so aerial apparatus has access to the fire building.
2. Always stand behind the hydrant when operating it.
3. Always ensure that the hydrant is shut off before you attempt to remove the cap(s).
4. Always flow and thoroughly flush any hydrant you plan to hook up to before committing to it.
5. Never blindly insert your fingers or hand into the hydrant nozzle to clear debris.
6. Always hook up with the largest diameter hose available and hook it to the largest nozzle on the hydrant--usually a "steamer connection."
7. Always fully open the hydrant to which you have hooked up.
8. Always ensure that all wrenches, fittings, and adapters required for proper hydrant operations are easily accessible on the engine and immediately restored to the apparatus after use to prevent loss or theft.



Review department SOG on hydrant hook-ups